



# ORANGE BRIDGE CLUB INC

## NEWSLETTER

December 2016

### SESSION TIMES

Monday 1.30pm  
Wednesday 9.30am & 7.00pm  
Friday 9.30am  
Saturday 1.30pm

**Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the above times.**

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### *What's On*

- Christmas Closures – there is no play Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve), Monday 26th December (Boxing Day) or Saturday 31st December (New Year's Eve).

## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE***

### **Christmas party**

What a fabulous Christmas party! Around 100 members and some partners attended the club's Christmas Party on Friday 9th December. Those dressing up as Christmas Carols really livened up the day with Manda as a Christmas Tree causing great amusement.



Congratulations to Pattie Clarke who, as a delightful angel was judged the best Christmas Carol costume.

As usual a huge team effort helped ensure the day ran smoothly - many thanks to all who helped. Particular thanks go to Dorothy Woodside who oversaw setting up the room as well as donating the delicious Christmas cake. Thank you too to Anne Tonna, Piers Bannatyne, Liz Carpenter and Diana Whiteley who helped set up the room and during the day.

A big thank you to Robyn Stevens who donated the hamper for the raffle and to all the members who donated Christmas gifts for the Mystery raffle as well as Donaldal who sold around \$700 worth of raffle tickets. Thank you also to Manda Labuschagne for donating the salad, Donaldal Morgan for donating her usual delicious trifle and Margaret Munson for donating the chocolates.

Many others helped during the day serving food, washing up and helping to clean. Thank you all for helping to make the day a success.

The trophies for 2016 were presented at the beginning of the day.

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During the award presentations we were able to honor Lois Deithe who sadly passed away during the year. It had been suggested to the Committee that the club commemorates Lois in some way as she had been a key member of the group which ensured that our club house was built. To commemorate Lois a camelia has been planted in the front garden and a plaque will be placed on the wall near the camelia.

**2016 Trophies**

Congratulations to all the 2016 prize winners. The winners were:

Club Teams Champions: Tony Wells (left below), Don Butler, Wendy Gillard and David Reddel (right below)



Club Pairs Champions (winners of Dan MacLean Trophy): Des Mulchay and Bernie Huxtable (pictured)

Most Improved player, Clarke Trophy – Restricted and Doctors Plate: Natasha Jacobs



Clarke Trophy – Open: Don Butler

Suzanne Kay Trophy: Enid Dawes and Helen Britton



Tops and Bottoms (Dot Whitney Trophy): Judy Royal

**McCutcheons Awards:**

Local Master\*\*:  
Brian Newton



Local Master\*:  
Anne Tonna

Local Master:  
Diana Whiteley



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Club Master: Natasha Jacobs

Graduate Master: Jo Orr



Nil Master: Judy Royal

Enid Dawes cutting the Christmas Cake donated by Dorothy Woodside.



### **Swiss Teams Day**

Thank you to the members who provided food and helped with our successful Swiss Teams Day on Sunday 6th November. Thank you very much to the local wineries who generously provided the wine we used for prizes and to Judy Jackson who organised their donations. We had been given wine by many of the top wineries: Phillip Shaw, Bloodwood, Ross Hill, Angalong, Stockman's Ridge, Colmar Estate, Highland Heritage and Hedbergs Hill.

The winners were the Tarlington/ Landers Team from Dubbo. Congratulations to the top Orange team, Manda Labuschagne, Darius Drozd, Natasha Jacobs and Jens Skovgaard who came second, and to the winners of the Restricted section, Piers Bannatyne, Jenny King, Robyn Stevens and myself.

### **David Beauchamp lessons**

David Beauchamp ran two lessons at the club on Thursday 10th November. These were judged as excellent and greatly appreciated by those attending.

### **2017 Club Fees**

Membership renewals become due on 1st January and should be paid by 31st January.

Subscriptions: Home Club Member \$30; Associate Member \$20.

Please put your subscription (preferably cash) in an envelope with your name and amount on the front and place it in the pink box outside the office door.

If you prefer you can pay by internet transfer direct to the club's account: Orange Bridge Club Incorporated, BSB 082774 Account No. 83185-0831. Please

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include your name in the payment reference.

Receipts will be placed in the receipt box on the table outside the office door.

**Christmas closure**

No bridge sessions will be held on Christmas Eve (Saturday 24th December), Boxing Day (Monday 26th December) or on New Year's Eve (Saturday 31st December). All other sessions will be held as normal.

**Supervised play Christmas break**

The supervised play run by Chris Kershaw and Dorothy Woodside on Monday evenings and Wednesday afternoon will have its last 2016 session on 14th December and recommence on Monday evening 16th January 2017. The Wednesday supervised play sessions run from 1pm to 3pm and the Monday supervised play sessions are from 7pm until 9pm.

**Lessons**

A new round of beginner lessons will commence in February so if you know of anyone interested in having bridge lessons ask them to contact Chris on 63623029 or Dorothy on 63628218.

Joan Butts has some excellent lessons that can be accessed for free on-line at <https://www.joanbuttsbridge.com/abfs-register> .

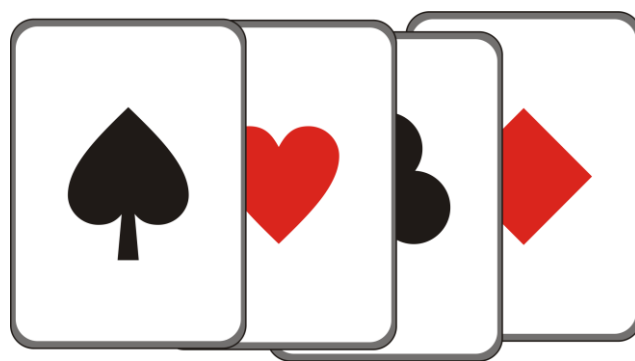
The club is contacting Joan to organise some further teacher training and player workshops during 2017 so keep an eye out for those next year.

**Happy Christmas!**

Wishing all members a happy and safe Christmas and looking forward to seeing you at the bridge table in 2017.

Happy bridging!

*Sally Spence*



***MASTER...ful***  
***Masterpoint Promotions for October***



Congratulations to:

Bernie Huxtable - Gold Life Master  
Essie Sullivan – Graduate Master

